

## ASSAULT ON SRI CHAVAN, LIBRARIAN OF CENTRAL LIBRARY, BELGAUM

427. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that some Kannada boys had removed the Marathi Boards displayed on shops owned by Marathi speaking shop-keepers in Ganapatgalli, Marutigalli and Kirlosker Road on 1st November 1973 in the presence of the Police and Police Officers,

(b) whether it is a fact that some Kannada boys had removed the Marathi board displayed on the General Library, Belgaum on 1st November 1973,

(c) whether it is a fact that these boys assaulted Sri Chavan, the Librarian-Cum-Clerk of the Library on that date and later he was taken to police custody by the Police,

(d) whether it is a fact that the police were posted in front of the General Library on that day?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) They were pulled down by miscreants, but not in the presence of the Police and Police Officers. It is not known whether Kannada boys did this.

(b) The Marathi Sign Board of General Library was pulled down by students on 1 November 1973.

(c) No.

(d) Police pickets are posted at all fixed points.

## REMOVAL OF NAME PLATES IN BELGAUM

428. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that a procession of Medical College Students and Professors was taken out under the name of Kannada Balaga in Belgaum on 3rd December 1973.

(b) whether it is a fact that this procession was to proceed through certain routes on that day,

(c) whether it is a fact that the routes of the procession were changed on that day,

(d) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner of Belgaum and Deputy Inspector General of Police were accompanying the procession,

(e) whether it is fact that the Kannada speaking people participating in the procession were not students,

(f) whether it is a fact that Kannada speaking people who were not students removed Marathi Board displayed by daily Taran Bhavat in the presence of the Police and the above mentioned Officers on that day,

(g) whether it is a fact that the Kannada students who had come from outside and the students of the Medical College had removed 300 to 400 Marathi Boards,

(h) whether it is a fact that the General Library was damaged by the Kannada speaking people on that day in the presence of the Police,

(i) whether it is a fact that some shops in the Raviwar Peth were looted by the Kannada speaking people on that day ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS-(Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The organisers of the procession had given the route.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The procession was taken out by the students under the banner of Kannada Balaga. But it did not comprise of only the students. Others also joined the procession on the way.

(f) It is a fact that Marathi Sign Board displayed by Taran Bharat was removed, but it is not correct to say that this was done in the presence of officers.

(g) Only 6 Marathi Sign Boards were removed by the processionists

(h) No.

(i) No.

#### ERECTION OF POLE IN RAVIWAR PETH, BELGAUM

429. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum). :—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to State.—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Kannada Speaking people in Belgaum had erected a pole in Raviwar Peth and Maligalli cross without obtaining the permission of the Municipality and confirmation of the Government;

(b) If so, the reason for not removing the pole either by Municipal authorities or by the Police;